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WAR-RAVAGED COUNTRIES PLEAD FOR CHRISTIANITY

The world is ready for an all-out missionary advance to follow an all-out war. This truth has been emphasized by returned servicemen, chaplains, churchmen who have visited foreign countries, and by many others who have come to realize the worth of Christian missions.

The enemy countries, now a picture of ruin and horror, are beginning to understand how completely they have been "sold out" and deceived by their military leaders, how just is their defeat, and how wrong has been their philosophy.

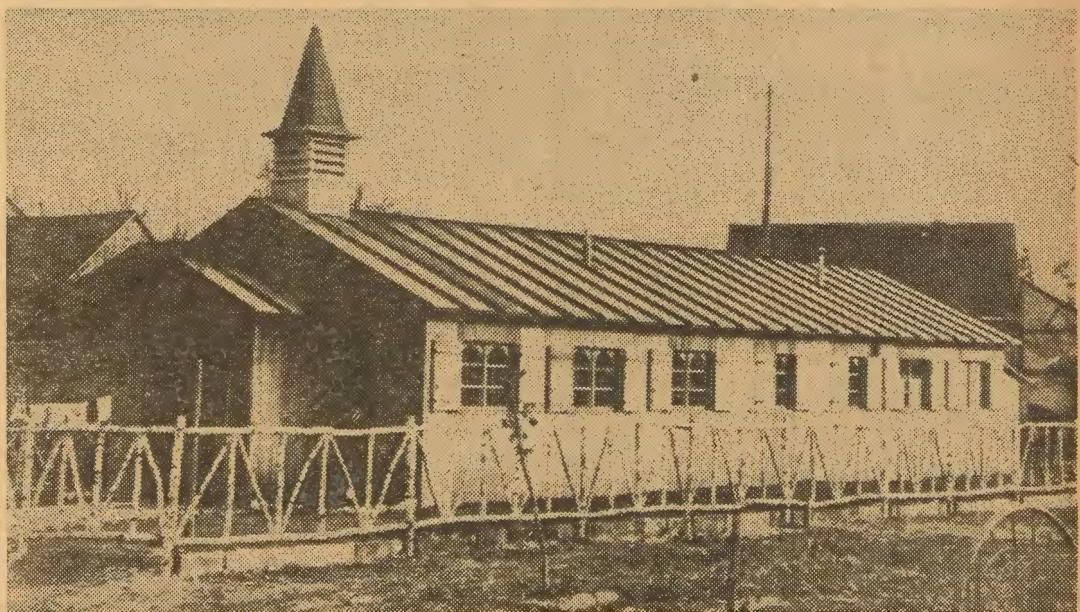
They have brought despair on themselves; but they need hope. Their only true hope, Christ, can be given by the churches. The churches in war-ruined countries have the greatest opportunity they have ever had. Recent reports indicate that the people are eager to seize faith in God, the Gospel, and the Church.

One of the strangest things that has come out of the recent war is the fact that the churches are stronger in defeated countries than in countries that were victorious. We are told that the churches of Germany are having a renaissance, a real awakening. The strength of Christianity in Germany is astounding, in spite of all she has suffered.

Delegates of the British Council of Churches, after a visit to Germany have said: "The congregations which crowd the shattered, heatless, windowless and open roofless churches are evidences enough that Christianity is alive."

Christianity in Japan is stronger than ever. The Executive Committee of the United Church of Christ in Japan calls for the return of foreign missionaries to the country just as soon as possible. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of Camp Work of the Southern Baptist Convention, on a recent tour was told by Japanese Christian leaders that if America must choose between sending material things and missionaries, "send missionaries."

Japanese Christians have appealed, through a veteran Southern Baptist chaplain, for two million copies of the New Testament in the Japanese language. Sixty thousand copies have already been started on their way and plans are being made to send an additional 400,000 as soon as additional paper can be obtained and they can be printed. Returned visitors from Japan report that the demand for the Scriptures is so great that a small New Testament which once sold for fifteen cents in Tokyo, now sells for \$3.75.



These photos illustrate how church services are being conducted in war-ravaged areas of Europe. The top picture shows a church so demolished that it is impossible to hold services there. Eager Christians have converted the army barracks in the lower picture into a place of worship. Living quarters for the pastor are in the rear of the barracks.

Across the Editor's Desk . . .

The Movies

We welcomed the article by Pastor Douglas White in last week's issue. He reflects an observation of horror felt even more universally by church people a decade ago than now. We recognized then, as Bro. White states now, that the educational effects of immoral situations depicted in the movies are disastrous to our youth.

In our discussions aimed at better understanding of dangers and possibilities in the motion picture industry, the editor hopes that we will not become so prejudiced against the motion picture technique that we would rule visual education out of our church school programs.

Undeniably, the motion picture technique is one of the most powerful educational vehicles known. We in the churches can produce our own movies to teach our own moral position and our church doctrines and our mission programs. We must grasp the possibilities of the motion picture for our work just as we are already using the press and the radio.

We personally believe the commercial movies are here to stay. And in all probability they will continue to glamorize the cocktail, the cigarette, the dance and sinful pleasures—unless and until church people demand reform. We need somehow to force Hollywood to educate America to temperance, to law obedience and to spiritual truths. This, America's most powerful educational medium, must educate for morality and against immorality.

It is interesting to note in passing some results of the widespread objections to the movie of a decade ago. Catholic churchmen established a League of Moral Decency and set out to reform the movies. The non-Catholic groups took the general attitude of boycotting the movies.

Any boycott we may have attempted was probably about 98 percent ineffective. The movies are an entertainment attraction, and people determinedly go to them. Attendance at movies in the United States last year averaged 80,000,000 weekly, of which 12,000,000 were children under 13.

Catholics, through their League, set out to censor all movies and to dictate to their members the movies that were acceptable to the church's moral code. In this manner they held a controlling influence over the box-office, and thus forced Hollywood producers to heed their admonitions for better movies.

Another decided result of the Catholic procedure is noted. Practically every movie with the religious emphasis uses the garb of the priest and the decorations of the Catholic altar. At least four major movies the past year are based on Catholicism. In short, the

Catholic League brought about a degree of reform and at the same time managed to make Hollywood one of the world's greatest propaganda mediums for Catholicism.

The Protestant Film Commission, just organized, has as its primary purposes, the further elevation of moral standards in the movies and an influence for non-Catholic religious emphasis. The success or failure of the undertaking will not be fully known for another decade.

Baptist Relief

An appeal to the Southern Baptist Convention to launch a \$10,000,000 war relief campaign has been made by Dr. Henry C. Goerner. He declared that Southern Baptists are "the only major denomination in America" which has no definite and systematic plan to aid the needy in war-devastated areas.

Dr. Goerner recommended that a proposal for a war-relief fund be made at the denomination's annual convention to be held in Miami, Fla., in May. He said one reason plans for such a fund have not been made was that no general convention of Southern Baptists was held in 1945, because of travel restrictions.

Student Missionaries

The Life Service Band of Ouachita College is an active Christian organization sponsoring missions, jail services, tract distribution and house to house visitation for the churches.

The organization now has two Negro missions. The Allen Hill mission, in the sawmill district, has thirty children enrolled in the Sunday School. Several of the boys and girls have accepted Christ as Saviour, and seven of these have been baptized into the Negro Baptist Church.

The Cottage Hill mission, two miles from the college, has an enrolment of fifty with an average attendance of 35. Services of this mission are held in the homes of the Negroes as there is no building.

In the visitation program the unsaved, the unchurched and the shut-ins are ministered to with Bible reading and prayer. Tracts are left in the homes.

Officers for the second semester are Miss Lora Nesbit, president; Freddy Prince, enlistment chairman; J. T. Harvell, social chairman; Joe Hall, missionary activities chairman; Evelyn Standford, secretary; Howard Lehman, treasurer; Miss Rose June Stone, chorister; and Miss Steely, pianist. In installing the officers, Miss Ann Wallerman, student secretary, compared each officer to a star.

The Door of Salvation

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"I am the door."

We are told that in the lower orders of life there are certain creatures whose bodies are undefended and helpless to resist contact with sharp and penetrating substances. These creatures take refuge in the abandoned shells of other creatures.

"I am the door of the sheep," said Jesus. The danger to the sheep lies in being scattered from the shepherd when the wolf comes. If when danger threatens, instead of running away from him, the sheep gather close about the shepherd, they are secure in his protection.

That which tempts us away from our Lord is our greatest danger. There is but one way to protect ourselves, keep close to Christ, realize His presence, fill our minds with thoughts of Him, never forget Him for a moment.

Now, if we "go in" by Him into the secret place, bathe our souls with thoughts of Him, refresh our spirits by the touch of Him, clear our vision by the sight of Him, renew our courage by the faith in Him; we shall then "go out" to the fields of activity and service with joyous hearts and radiant countenances.

All the essential satisfactions of life are provided in Jesus. Do I want an object for intellectual contemplation? I have it in Him. Do I want an object of love without fear of disappointment? That object is found in Him. Do I want an absolutely authoritative command without taint of tyranny? I find it in His infinite will. Does my conscience need an infallible guide? He is that guide. Do my aspirations and desires seek a sure and satisfying end of life that will secure the true riches of life? I find all true wealth of life in Him.

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9.

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A "G. I." banquet honoring the forty ex-service men who are now students at Southern Seminary, Louisville, was given by the faculty of the seminary recently. Brief reviews of their service records revealed that the men represented every major war theater. The majority of them served as chaplains, but many were enlisted in the fighting forces of the army and the navy.

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A Japanese Christian Woman Writes . . .

"ONLY GOD CAN SAVE JAPAN"

My country was defeated. During the long years of war, we, the common people, were compelled to sacrifice everything — our amusements, our health, and even our beloved ones, only to win the war. But the result was unconditional surrender.

Japan is now subject to strict judges of Allied Nations, helpless and devastated. The world will examine and criticize Japan from all angles and with various points of view. You judge us as victors. Your noble truth and efficient control have indeed opened our blindness and shown us right ways to go. However, allow me to speak beyond a woman's reserve; your glory and cheer might drown faint but sincere cries of deeply wounded souls.

The Feel of Defeat

On August 15, 1945, at noon, the Emperor himself announced Japan's unconditional surrender. All at once, everything around me turned dark. Sorrow so overwhelmed me that I could hardly breathe. I could not help crying. Out of tears came smile, bright smile came back upon my face, because the Japanese as a race and as a nation finally found itself in defeat. Delicate mixture of grief and joy came over me; this is how I feel now, and so do many Japanese people, I believe.

War created the gravest and severest contrast between the opponents. The greater and the more glorious victory you rejoice, the deeper and more miserable humiliation we have to endure. I lost my dear friends in Nagasaki, many of them at a moment! They were really so nice and innocent!

You Americans I admire so much, who are rightly judging the Japanese atrocities in the Philippines, but why did you use atomic bombs and wiped off my spiritual home (I spent my happiest and most inspiring days in a Christian college in Nagasaki)? Why did you kill so many women and children in towns, by using your brightest brains and the most wonderful spirit? They had hardly escaped from burning cities to neighboring forests when your accurate bombing hit them to death.

Admires America Regardless

But now the war is over. I feel the warm prayers of my friends in America. I know you love peace deeper than any other nation in the world. It was an American missionary who led me to Christ and gave me visions for the Kingdom of God. I now willingly accept, painful as it is, that your victory is God's providence. If Japan had won, the self-conceited military leaders would have destroyed our inner life and the Japanese people would have been kept slumbering, faintly breathing in the mystery of their supposed divine country.

America surpasses us in many respects. Your enormous industrial power, far-advanced scientific developments played a de-pense. The selfish leaders had deprived them



Christian missionaries have resumed their teaching work in Japan. Here Miss Ruth Ward, who was interned after Pearl Harbor, is shown with a few of her pupils. She now has more than 500 Japanese children in her English and music classes.

cisive role in the war, but I believe that Japan's misery is due to her primitive conception of God.

Good, simple Japanese, including my relatives and friends worship many gods, each having different divine power. One of them is said to possess miraculous power in curing diseases; others work wonders in giving worshippers unexpected treasures. Gods of fire, water, earth, etc., receive reverent worship and ample offerings. We have been taught from our childhood that Japan is a mysterious country protected by many Japanese gods.

"Divine Wind"

The typhoon which happened to disperse the invading Mongol fleets at Hakata Bay in 1281 has been called "Divine Wind," miraculous virtue of the Japanese gods. It was the faith in the "Divine Wind" which pushed militarists to wage war on America. It was a desperately reckless adventure, but their faith was so firm that they ignored accurate calculations and careful preparations which are the two great indispensable factors in the modern war!

The magic power of the "Divine Wind" had also paralyzed our judgment and like horses, we were driven forth to our own ruin, vainly believing that some day "Divine Wind" will blow, some miracle will turn up. What an irony of fate that the long waited miracle did happen at last and decided Japan's fate in a moment! If only Japanese had understood that God is a creating Spirit and not a human emperor or a stone image!

Japan Needs God

In the past 70 years, Japan had emerged from a corner of the Pacific to a world military power. But her rapid expansion could only be achieved at the common man's expense. The selfish leaders had deprived them

of all opportunities to express their opinions under pretext of patriotism or loyalty to the Emperor. Japan's crippled development was nothing but the success of egotistic militarists' plans. But why has Japan had no revolutions, through which most democratic nations have been born? Because the common Japanese people were so simple, innocent and easy to manage, and because they had no right conception of God, which is always a driving power for human development.

According to the Potsdam declaration, we are starting anew as a democratic nation, but democracy can never be realized by just taking off despotic leaders and dissolving economic trusts. It can only be achieved on our awakening to the true value of human souls. How can we fully understand the meaning of democracy, being ignorant of the right conception of God? Faith in God as a creator and also faith in human beings as created after His image can alone lead us to democracy.

Plea For Missionaries

Under the American control, everybody speaks of democracy. Most common people believe that democracy and liberty have been given by General MacArthur. They are happy with Americans on the streets and in public places, but in their private rooms, they writhe in sorrow, thinking of their beloved ones killed in the war. Their tears are warm and pure by themselves, but it might be possible that one agitator may harden those wounded souls to strong decision of revenge, and the next explosion will be death to Japan.

We must surrender unconditionally not only to the Allied Nations but to God. Then our sorrows will be changed to hopes and visions to build the Kingdom of God. Only God can save Japan. Japanese common people are not bad. They are not belligerent by nature. They are lost sheep without a shepherd.

Oh, America, blessed nation, listen to this sincere cry of one Japanese girl. Send us shepherds. Give us messengers of God. We are craving for your help.

Missionary Maxfield Garrett sent us this letter from a young Japanese Christian woman living in Tokyo. When she became a Christian several years ago, she was cast out of her house. After graduating from a Christian college in Nagasaki in 1941, she was asked to remain as a teacher, but she left Nagasaki before the atomic bomb fell there, having been reconciled with her family in 1942. This letter is one of the most poignant appeals for spiritual help that has come out of this war.

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Norphlet Going Forward

First Church, Norphlet, had a splendid year in 1945. This church gave for cooperative missions \$3,588.20 Their contributions for other missionary causes brought the total up to \$5,416.83. They raised nearly \$1000 more than their budget called for. During the Association year they had an increase in membership of 61, having 49 baptisms during the year. The church now has a membership of 605. The church spent more than \$17,000 during the year. Rev. Loyal Prior is the happy pastor.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Dr. Selsus E. Tull is supply pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, and he and Mrs. Tull have moved there temporarily.

Twenty-four religious denominations were represented among the 25,269 patients who were admitted into Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, in 1945.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., is speaking each Monday morning during February and March over the Mutual network from 11:15 to 11:30, CST. This series of messages is being presented on a program entitled, "Faith In Our Time," and is sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, will lead the spring revival at Springdale Church, Tulsa, Okla., March 17-31. Ralph Kerley, formerly of Arkansas, is pastor.

Luxora Church had a recent Stewardship Training School with Missionary and Mrs. M. E. Wiles, Mississippi County Association; Pastor A. F. Muncy, Wilson; and Rev. E. J. Marshall, Luxora, as teachers. O. C. Hicks is pastor.

Final registration for the spring semester at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., shows an enrolment of 930 resident students, the largest in the history of the institution. Students come from 31 different states and from China, Brazil, Canada and Argentina.

Sunday School emphasis week was observed in Mississippi County Association February 4-8. Eight teams, composed of a leader and four to six members, visited 34 churches in the association during the week. Team leaders were E. C. Brown, O. C. Hicks, C. J. Rushing, M. E. Wiles, L. G. Miller, A. F. Muncy, E. T. Smith, and P. H. Jernigan. Miss Sara Frances Rowland is associational Sunday School superintendent.

Two hundred and fifty volunteer workers, representatives of Blytheville churches, took a city-wide religious census February 3. The census was sponsored by Blytheville Ministerial Alliance.

Mission Broadcasts

The "God News Hour" sponsored by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will broadcast over KGHI, Little Rock, from 8 to 8:30 a. m. each Sunday for 52 weeks, beginning February 17, and over KBTM, Jonesboro, and KELD, El Dorado, same time, beginning March 1. The choir of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, will furnish the music and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, will speak.

First Church, West Memphis, had a net gain of 205 in membership in 1945, with 151 baptisms. In 1942 the church reported a total membership of only 371. The new debt-free building is valued at \$85,000.

Most of the 150 new students who entered Ouachita College second semester are men and it is expected that enrolment will reach 650. The 100 G. I.'s are being placed in dormitories and the field house and some rooms in the city. Twenty-five trailers will be ready soon. The large enrolment may mean that the faculty will have to be increased.

Alabama Methodists are launching a drive to pay off a \$386,406 "moral" debt on the defunct Montgomery Hospital. "Honor Day" will be observed February 17 to pay off this moral obligation. The attempt to operate the hospital ended in a financial disaster but in recommending that its debts be retired the State Supreme Court decided that the conference had no legal authority to guarantee payment of the hospital bonds, which were issued in 1928. A parallel case that probably received its inspiration from Arkansas Baptists!

A. M. Hall, member of First Church, Marmaduke, has a perfect attendance record for 1945 church services, including prayer meeting, Training Union, Sunday school, and all preaching services. Mr. Hall is 75 and has been a member of a Baptist church since 1883. He has been active in the work of the church serving as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and leader in various activities.

Norman Ferguson, director of activities of First Church, Fort Smith, was inspirational speaker and guest singer at a joint meeting of the Brotherhood and the W. M. U. of First Church, Paris, February 11.

A Training Union Enlargement Campaign at First Church, Paris, resulted in the revitalization of the entire Training Union and the organization of four new Unions. The campaign began on Sunday evening with 150 in attendance and averaged 139 for the five nights. Preparation for the week was led by Ralph Davis, state Training Union secretary, but in that he was unable to direct the school, Miss Rosalea Webster, state B. S. U. secretary and state approved young people's leader, served as director and teacher for the young people. Pastor Cecil Archer, Atkins, taught the Adult Manual; Miss Maxine Bates, educational director, Calvary Church, Fort Smith, taught the intermediates; and Mrs. William Perkinson, Fort Smith, taught the juniors and their workers and held conferences with the Story Hour leaders.

A systematic visitation program has grown out of a recent Sunday School training school at Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock. There was an average attendance of 35 officers and teachers with 30 taking the examination for awards. State Missionary E. D. Estes taught "Improvement of Teaching" and Pastor Guy S. Wilson taught "Building a Standard Sunday School." H. O. Gunter is Sunday School superintendent.

Pastor L. C. Tedford, First Church, Corning, has begun a series of messages on the Ten Commandments.

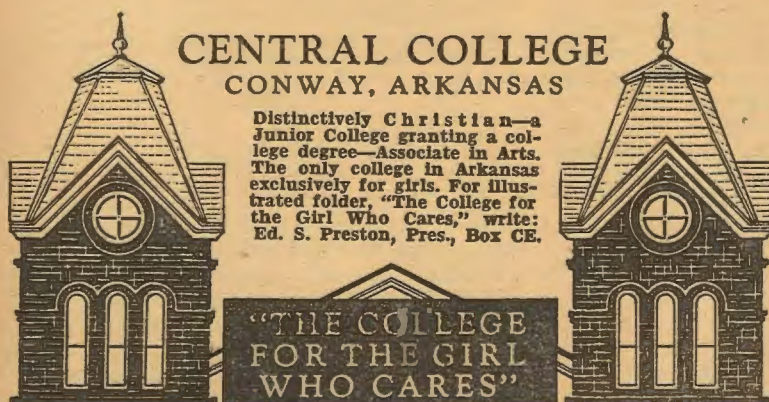
The Training Union of First Church, Corning, put on a demonstration program, and Missionary H. W. Johnston, Gainesville and Current River associations, brought a message at the New Hope school, February 2.

First Church, Atkins, will conduct two revivals this year. The first will begin on Easter Sunday with Pastor C. E. Archer doing the preaching. The second will begin in July with Pastor C. W. Sanders, First Church, Cameron, Tex., preaching.

Pastor R. C. Brinkley, Immanuel Church, El Dorado, and George H. Mosley, educational director of First Church, El Dorado, led in recent revival services at First Church, Strong, Arthur New, pastor.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Gus O. Douglas from West Side Church, Pine Bluff, to Thornton Church.



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THE WORLD TESTS A CHRISTIAN

By ROY L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Canyon, Texas

In the covenant usually adopted by Baptist churches there is a promise to "be exemplary in our deportment." This means that church members promise to be Christian examples in conduct, and this is in harmony with the command of Jesus when he said: "Yet your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16.)

World Tests Conduct

The world's test of a Christian is his conduct—what he does every day rather than what he says and does on Sunday. A light that shines only on Sunday at church can never light the way to God for the sinners lost in the world's every-day darkness. Good works must be seen by the world if they cause others to glorify the heavenly Father.

In the days of the Apostle Paul there were many who engaged in "wild dances, noisy revels, exciting music, and frenzied demonstrations," and justified their conduct by claiming to worship Bacchus, the Roman God of Wine. Others glorified greed and avarice into the phantom-god Mammon.

Still others gloried in sex-indulgence and created for themselves the Grecian goddess Aphrodite and the Roman goddess Venus whom the historian describes as "the impersonation of all that was weak and erring in the nature of woman—the goddess of sensual desire, of mere physical beauty, silly, childish, and vain, utterly odious in a moral point of view, and mentally contemptible."

Paul Pleads for Christian Conduct

In the midst of such revolting pagan ideals and practices, the Apostle Paul pleads for a different brand of conduct when he says: "I . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. . . . Walk not as other Gentiles walk" (Eph. 4:25-29). "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ . . ." (Phil. 1:27).

Christian conduct in speech is as important as in deed. Language is a constant revelation of the mind and heart of the talker. One man testified that after reading a scientific discussion of the reason for "cussing," he quit the ugly habit for the psychiatrist declared that "cussing" was due to mental laziness or incompetency, and was characteristic of "the moron, the insane, the drunkard, the harlot and all such."

This reformed "cusser" testified: "After reading that article, I decided that if ever I should become a moron, or lose my ability to think, I could afford to fall back on profanity. But since I am a normal human being mentally, I determined to rise above the mental level of such unfortunate people and quit using profanity and indulging in vulgarity."

Secular Editor Condemns Laxity

A popular magazine some months ago quoted a Philadelphia preacher who suggested that churches stage Sunday night dances "to provide wholesome recreation for the youth." The editor of this secular paper then said: ". . . The clergymen who are so broadminded that they are willing to give their sanction to all conduct, both good and bad, while they are not driving their members out of the church, are not doing them any good when they bring them in. Certainly there ought to be a difference between a church member and

an ungodly worldly person who never experienced any change in heart."

Concerning this, it is time to ask just how far down a church leader is when the editor of a secular magazine has to reprimand him for his conduct?

Conduct Is a Bible Test Too!

A Christian is one who not only believes Christ as Saviour, but obeys Him as Lord. This makes him different in loyalty and living. Real Christians never behave like worldly-wise, lustful-living, sin-soiled souls who have never known the Lord. "If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (I John 1:6).

Christians are to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). They may deceive themselves by their empty profession, but never the world or God. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Even the word-picture of the final judgment as recorded in Revelation reminds us that our "works" will be called into judgment. The eternal consequences of our conduct make it imperative that we be "exemplary in our deportment."

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LITTLE ECHO

Once a little boy was playing in the woods. When he called aloud he heard the echo of his own voice, and thought another boy was mocking him. He was very angry, and ran to his mamma saying that a naughty boy had called him hard names. His mamma said: "Go out and call, 'I love you,' and see if you do not get the same reply." The treatment we get from others is often an echo of the way we treat them.

—In Biblical Record.

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"Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?"—Matthew 7:9.

Ozark Mission School Opens Second Semester

The Mission Training School for rural pastors, which opened at Ozark in September last year, has just completed its first semester with an enrolment of eighteen pastors and three pastors' wives.

The school is sponsored by Clear Creek Association for the purpose of giving rural preachers an opportunity to study while serving nearby churches. Missionary W. O. Taylor has estimated that there are 100 rural churches within easy reach of Ozark—many of which are pastorless.

Clear Creek Association now has nine churches with regular preaching that had been pastorless for a long time, with seven of the students giving most of their time to churches in the association. Missionary Taylor says fields of service can be arranged among the churches of the association and adjoining associations for other students.

Second semester began February 4 with classes in Homiletics, Old and New Testament, History, English, Evangelism and Missions. All classes meet at First Church, Ozark.

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"He That Hath Two Coats . . ."

Dr. John Lowe was on hand the night the Boy Scouts of his church packed clothing collected Christmas Sunday. The 30 cartons had been sealed for shipment when Dr. Lowe missed his overcoat. Theft seemed unlikely. The boys were innocent of playing pranks. Apparently the coat had been packed. Dr. Lowe was philosophical: "I had two coats and the Bible says a man who has two ought to give away one." Two laymen agreed between them to replace it; but the next day Dr. Lowe returned to the church and found his coat in the 23rd carton.

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The weekly schedule of student religious activities in Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, includes daily chapel exercises, two Sunday School classes for ambulatory patients—one for adults and one for children—distributing Christian literature among all patients, dormitory devotionals, and fixed meetings of the B. S. U. Council, Y. W. A., and Volunteers for Christ.

CHESTER SWOR IN LITTLE ROCK



Mr. Swor

One of the outstanding spiritual forces of this generation, Chester Swor of Jackson, Miss., will direct a Spiritual Emphasis Week at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, February 17-22. Mr. Swor has led Immanuel Church in two meetings on former occasions and will be welcomed by hundreds of friends not only at Immanuel but throughout Greater Little Rock.

Swor, a Mississippian, was professor of English and Dean of Men at Mississippi College for twelve years. In an attempt to answer the constant calls coming to him to conduct services such as he will hold at Immanuel, Mr. Swor gave up his college professorship and for several years has been lecturing in universities and churches throughout the nation.

Mr. Swor will speak at both Sunday services at Immanuel Church on February 17, and from Monday through Friday, February 18-22, he will speak at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The early morning services will last for one hour. Following the evening services, Mr. Swor will direct informal conferences and question periods in an attempt to answer some of the problems facing young people today.

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State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic

As announced, a State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic will be held in the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 10-16. Southwide and state Sunday School and missionary leaders will participate in the work to be offered. A limit of 100 has been placed on the number of those who may enroll for full time. The only expense to those who enroll, with the exception of state and associational missionaries, is the travel expense to Little Rock and a registration fee of \$2.50. All other expenses will be paid by the State Mission Department, Religious Education Department and the Sunday School Board.

Bed and all meals will be furnished free of charge to those who enroll for full time. All books used in connection with the clinic will be furnished free of charge by the Sunday School Board.

It will be necessary for those who are accepted for enrollment in the clinic to arrive in Little Rock sometime Saturday afternoon or night or early enough Sunday morning to attend the morning preaching service at the Second Baptist Church. The morning preaching service and all features of the clinic will be under the direction of Secretary J. N. Barnette of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

Pastors, educational directors and educational secretaries, Sunday School officers and teachers together with state and associational missionaries should earnestly and prayerfully consider applying for enrollment in the clinic. About 75 have applied for enrollment to date. This leaves but about 25 others who may apply and be



Mr. Barnette

accepted for enrollment. This Sunday School and missionary clinic is one of the most important efforts ever put forth in Little Rock to help the leaders in the associations and churches to render better service. This is the day of opportunity, now is the time to fill out the application form at the bottom of this page and mail immediately to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock. Act now.

Statewide Music Leadership School Date Changed

Due to the fact that many leaders in the state who desire to attend the leadership school scheduled for February 18-22, but could not due to conflicting work or engagements, the date has been changed. The Statewide Music Leadership School will be held June 9-14. The same leaders and program as announced for February will be used during the Music Leadership School, June 9-14. Detailed information regarding the school will be published later.

Woman's Missionary Union

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W. M. U. Headquarters Hotel At Miami, Florida

The McAllister Hotel will be the W. M. U. headquarters hotel in Miami, Fla. for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. The Columbus Hotel will be the S. B. C. headquarters hotel; it adjoins the McAllister. List of other available hotels will be published rather soon. In general, the hotels will charge \$3.00 per person per day for a room with twin beds and private bath.

All reservations are to be made direct with the preferred hotel and can be made at any time. Accommodations in a home or lodging-house may be secured by writing to Mrs. H. L. Heiss, c/o Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla. Rates have not been announced. All W. M. U. sessions will be held in the Central Baptist Church, which is seven blocks from the McAllister hotel.

Report on Dixie Jackson Offering

We are glad to present the very latest figures on the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions, the total offering being \$13,196.48. More than \$45 was received this morning (Feb. 6) on this offering so the final total may be augmented by offerings received later. We take courage in the fact that the above offering is the largest on record.

Pulaski County Young Peoples Rallies

Four young people's rallies were held in Pulaski County recently, the associational counselor for each grade planning and executing these meetings. All meetings were program meetings followed by a social and refreshment period served by the hostess churches.

At Baring Cross Church, 46 members of seven Young Woman's Auxiliaries met for their quarterly Y. W. A. Council meeting with Miss Maylene Dutton, president, in the chair. Officers for 1946 were installed by Miss Elma Cobb. The devotional was brought by Mrs. Feezelle; and Miss Virginia Webster, vice president, outlined extension work plans for 1946.

Immanuel Church served as hostess for the Royal Ambassador Conclave with Mrs. C. D. Denham leading out in the meeting. A total of 62 boys and counselors from 10 chapters was present. Rev. Dawson King, former missionary to China, spoke on China missions.

The Life Line Chapter won the efficiency cup and the Pulaski Heights Chapter won the attendance banner.

The Junior Girls' Auxiliaries met at Little Rock First Church with Mrs. Carl Smith in charge. There were 39 present from five Junior G. A.'s. Election of officers took place. Mr. King brought the missionary message to this group as well as to the Intermediate G. A. Rally.

Fifty-eight members of Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries from seven churches met for their quarterly rally with the North Little Rock Central Church. Mrs. W. F. Miller led in this meeting.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering For Foreign Missions

Another record breaking achievement is the total amount received to date (Feb. 6) for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the total being \$42,101.68. The \$30,000 state W. M. U. goal was surpassed by \$12,101.68. Funds for this offering are being received daily and we believe the final report on this offering will be considerably more.

Million Dollar Southwide Goal Surpassed

You will rejoice to know that the Million Dollar goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has been surpassed, the announcement being made in Birmingham last week that the total was \$1,080,000. We will present later figures on this offering from time to time.

Training Union Study Courses This Year

The goal for study course awards for 1946 is 15,000. There were 10,821 awards issued during the calendar year of 1945. The Training Union Department offers approximately 75 study course books which include the fields of Methods, the Christian Life, the Church, Church Membership, Church Activities, the Bible, the Denomination, Stewardship, Missions, Soul Winning, Christian Homemaking, and Administration.

Every church should include at least two all-church Training Union Study Courses in its 1946 Calendar of Activities.

Plan your school now, and please report every study course to your State Training Union Director, so that proper credit may be given to those who take the courses.

APPLICATION FORM

State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH 10 - 16

Realizing the benefit to be derived from enrolling and participating in the State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic to be held in Second Baptist Church beginning Sunday, March 10, under the auspices of the Religious Education Department and State Mission Department of Arkansas and the Sunday School Board, I herewith make application to be one of the one hundred enrolled as a member of the clinic for the full time.

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Moses, in Last Days, Begs People Be True to Their Great Heritage

R. PAUL CAUDILL

Ours would be a poor world were it not for the rich treasures that have come down to us from the past. The language we speak, our customs, our manners, our religious concepts, the very subsistence of life itself was laid at our feet by a beneficent past.

Because of this vast treasure that is the gift of our yesterdays we have a responsibility that is inescapable. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

A Divine Legacy

"And now, O Israel, heartbroken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them, that ye may live, and go in possess the land which Jehovah, the god of your fathers, giveth you." In incisive words, Moses is reminding the Children of Israel of their divine heritage and of the heritage of the children of God for all generations to come. He wants them to appreciate the rich legacy that is theirs—a legacy divine.

We are emerging (let us hope) from an era of liberalism which has had a tendency to discredit many of our spiritual treasures of the past. In some instances even the Bible has been regarded as a wobbly crutch no longer needed by the spirited frame of modern man. But we cannot get away from our divine heritage, try as we may. Its contribution is woven in never-fading colors into the warp and woof of the loom of life.

The Purposes of God

The message of Moses as recorded in the book of Deuteronomy was delivered to Israel shortly before the crossing of the Jordan River. The multitude of Israelites were encamped in the plains of Moab which lay just across the river from Jericho in the Promised Land. God had informed Moses that he would not go over the Jordan and had instructed him to prepare Joshua as their leader (Deut. 3:27-28).

It must have been a moving experience for Moses as he contemplated the marvelous yesterdays of life and the wonderful tomorrows yet to come. For forty years he

Sunday School Lesson For February 17

Deuteronomy 4:1, 32-40

had served in a role that was unique in the long history of the nation of Israel. Amidst the flashes of lofty Sinai he had dwelt alone with God. He had beheld the moving finger of God write upon tablets of stone moral and spiritual laws binding for all generations. He had been God's mouthpiece, God's interpreter. In these last few days that were to be his in the midst of his beloved people what would be his concluding message? There could be but one answer—the purposes of God.

Israel's constant danger, even as ours today, was her tendency to lose sight of the plans of God. Repeatedly there could be heard the tantalizing echoes of wayward voices pleading for a return to the ways of Egypt. Moses tried desperately to convince them that in their hours of trial they must remember that in the plan of God there is certain victory. "For Jehovah thy God is a merciful God; he will not fail thee."

A Charge to Keep

In the Apostle Paul's last message to Timothy, and shortly before his death, he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." This is exactly what Moses wanted the Children of Israel to do in the days ahead; he wanted them to keep the faith. Already there had been enough of disobedience. Already the purposes of God

had known enough frustration through the recreant murmurings and misdeeds of his wandering people. From now on, as never before, they must observe God's law; they must be steadfast in the faith.

One other word Moses would make clear to the Children of Israel: If they will keep God's statutes and commandments, even as they have been commanded, there will be immeasurable compensation. "Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, forever."

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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Catholicism is on the increase among Negroes in America, according to Father Paul H. Furfey, professor of sociology in a Catholic university. In twelve years there have been 58,000 converts to the Catholic faith among Negroes.

Figures to Inspire

February 3, 1946

Church	Addns.	S. S.	T. U.
Alma, First	116	36	
Atkins, First	93	45	
Benton, First	391	83	
Camden, First	6	362	89
Conway, First	9	400	99
Dyess, Central	111	57	
El Dorado, First	1	749	212
Eudora	1	171	49
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	3	801	252
Including Mission		838	
Immanuel	3	490	132
Hamburg, First	3	233	90
Harrison, First	2	301	114
Hope, First		367	48
Including Mission		391	
Hot Springs Churches:			
First	2	267	47
Park Place		418	129
Second	1	436	91
Including Mission		517	
Hoxie	1	125	58
Jacksonville	3	116	65
Levy		110	
Little Rock Churches:			
Bethel		42	38
Calvary	1	107	38
First	5	1017	349
Immanuel		800	210
Including Mission		1096	346
Reynolds Memorial	2	165	62
South Highland	2	222	78
Tabernacle		301	69
Magnolia, Central	2	279	115
Malvern, First	1	273	60
Mena, First		232	60
Mountain Home, First	4	134	35
Norphet, First		223	128
N. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	8	476	147
Including Mission		508	
Central	4	189	58
First	1	425	
Pike Avenue	5	124	47
Paris, First	1	335	154
Pine Bluff, First		703	174
Including Mission		707	
Rogers, First	2	267	63
Springdale, First		293	120
Including Mission		342	
Tuckerman, First		90	39
Waldron, First	1	193	103



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NEED FOR DOCTRINAL PREACHING

It is astonishing how little doctrinal preaching there is. Complaints abound. Sermons are good, of their kind, but there is far too little definition of real Christianity in them. Compare the average published sermon with one of the New Testament sermons. We have much good preaching, but far too much doctrine is left out. The preaching is admired, but it too frequently fails of bringing people to God. The listeners admire, but they do not revere; they appreciate, but they are not repent; they are interested, but they are not exalted. The exhortation which that great pulpit prophet, Phillips Brooks, gave to the divinity students at Yale in his day is appropriate now for our needs:

"The preachers that have moved and held men have always preached doctrine. No exhortation to a good life that does not put behind it a truth as deep as eternity can seize and hold the conscience. Preach doctrine, preach all the doctrine you know, and learn forever more and more; but preach it always, not that men may believe it, but they may be saved by believing it."

—The Watchman Examiner.

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We commend the editor of the Watchman Examiner. Even here in the deep South the doctrinal element in our preaching is conspicuously absent. This page has not been forward in even asking men to preach on any particular subject. We believe that the Holy Spirit should lead men in selecting their message, and we believe that He will do so when given an opportunity.

At the same time we do not believe that the Holy Spirit constantly leads us preachers to ignore the New Testament injunctions on what we are to preach. Some of us are really heartbroken over the situation, and we are lifting our pen today in humble protest against the popular trend toward soft preaching in our day, and we are not only voicing our own grief over the situation, we are also echoing the many complaints from church members here and there.

When the Lord gave Jonah his commission He charged him to "Preach the preaching that I bid thee." When by divine inspiration instruction was given directly to the young preachers in the New Testament day, the injunction was, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, with all long-suffering and DOCTRINE. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

On every hand there is a woeful lack of preaching of the Bible doctrine of "Sin," "Repentance Toward God," "Salvation by Grace," "New Testament Baptism," "New Testament Way of the Lord's Supper." There is also a neglect of the Bible doctrine of the "Govern-

ment of the Local Church," and of the "Nature of New Testament Churches," etc.

What is the cause of this wave of neglect of Bible subjects? First, maybe it is because so many religious books are being published in our day. Most men want to write a book that is popular, because if a book is not popular it will neither be sold nor read to a large extent. The writer will not receive much royalty, nor will he receive much praise if his book is not a good seller. Hence, he is tempted to write something that will be popular among most all readers.

Second, we are made to wonder if our teachers are laying stress upon the importance of doctrinal preaching when they minister to our young preachers. Frankly, we have not seen much evidence of it. We have some fine friends who are teachers of young preachers, but the young preachers tell us that there is but little emphasis put on doctrine in their courses of study.

Third, writers in our Baptist papers seem to be less interested in doctrinal preaching and writing than they are in displaying a knowledge of modern journalism ideas and "rainbow chasing."

Fourth, we preachers ourselves are tempted by the devil to covet popularity among the people and too often do we yield to soft, "sugar stick" preaching. Too often we forget that God is our judge and that sooner or later we must give an account of the manner in which we deliver the message of God.

As a result of this popular trend of preaching many of our church members are admitting that they have had no experience of grace, that they have been drawn into church membership without having been regenerated. What a tragedy. Regardless of church membership all unregenerated people are lost.

Another result is that those who are saved too often become "jellyfish" Christians. The doctrines of the Bible are the framework, or the bones, of the spiritual life. They make Christianity stand up. A doctrineless Christian is like a jellyfish that flattens out any way you turn it. We need bones and sinew in our Christian lives today. Doctrinal preaching helps to give it.

The writer is a preacher, and in this article he is preaching to himself, not simply to the other preacher.

CORRECTION—Through error in our report of receipts for the fourth quarter of 1945, which appeared in the Arkansas Baptist January 31, the total contributions received from Union Church in Boone-Carroll Association were entered on the line below Union Church, opposite the name of Valley Springs Church. During the fourth quarter we received a total of \$15.00 for Cooperative Program and \$22.25 designated contributions from Union Church. No contributions were received during the quarter from Valley Springs Church.

Widow's Retirement Plan

Brethren, please do not send us applications nor send any payments for the Widow's Retirement Plan until June. We could neither book them nor acknowledge them at this present time. The Plan cannot begin until July 1.

Eight Great Churches

A few days ago one of our employees handed us some figures that are interesting. This employee was looking over the final records and being especially interested in the Cooperative Program, brought these figures to our desk. They are the figures of the eight churches which contributed most for the Cooperative Program in 1945. Here they are:

El Dorado First. Sam Reeves, Pastor, \$15,793.36.

Little Rock, First, C. E. Lawrence, Pastor, \$12,000.

Pine Bluff First, Pastorless, \$9,418.95.

Marianna First, W. F. Couch, Pastor, \$8,555.83.

Little Rock Second, M. Ray McKay, Pastor, \$7,654.67.

Little Rock Immanuel, W. O. Vaught, Jr., Pastor, \$7,500.

Fort Smith First, B. V. Ferguson, Pastor, \$7,200.

Beech Street Texarkana, Bruce H. Price, Pastor, \$6,057.08.

Star City Still Growing

First Church, Star City, unanimously voted an increase for the Cooperative Program for 1946. The increase will be more than 30 per cent above what the church contributed last year. Luther F. Dorsey is the consecrated aggressive leader of the saints in Star City. He is a splendid preacher and a trusted pastor. Last year the church gave nearly \$1200 for the Cooperative Program and more than \$500 for associational missions. It also paid off the indebtedness. This year they will redecorate the building and will emphasize the Honor Club along with the other work which they are accomplishing. The Lord has some of his best saints in Star City.

Worthy Of Emulation

Pastor Charles F. Holland of Fair Oaks Baptist Church is attending Ouachita College. He is doing a splendid work with the saints at Fair Oaks. This is a young church and the Lord is adding to it monthly those that are saved. Last year the total additions to the church amounted to an increase of more than 136 per cent. The increase by baptism was 109 per cent. Can you beat a record like that? We predict that they will have a splendid house of worship within the next few months.